

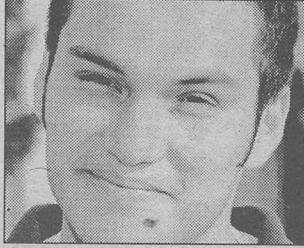
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## Hospital welcomes full slate of residents

by Robert Luck  
Hatchet Staff Writer

GW Hospital will welcome 84 medical school graduates to its residency program in the fall, filling 100 percent of the spots in the program for the first time in several years.

At the same time, the number of graduating GW medical students matched to residency programs – the post-graduate training required for physicians who want to specialize – ranked above the national average for residency matches.

Only 3.6 percent of GW medical graduates were not matched to programs, well below the national average of 6.4 percent, the American Association of Medical Colleges reports.

Forty-seven percent of GW medical students will complete their residency at their first-choice hospital and 81 percent were matched with one of their top three selections, according to a GW Medical Center press release.

Twenty-five percent of GW medical school graduates will remain in Foggy Bottom to complete their residencies.

Medical school administrators credit GW Hospital's stable foothold as an academic medical center with its attractiveness to graduates.

"We are thrilled with these results and look forward to an outstanding group of new residents joining us later this year," said Elizabeth Cobbs, assistant dean for graduate medical education at GW's medical center.

"Given the many positive changes taking place at the medical center – including plans to construct a new University hospital – it is evident that GW is a highly desirable institution for post-graduate medical education," Cobbs said.

GW Hospital's recent partnership with Universal Health Services Inc., a Pennsylvania-based for-profit hospital chain, bodes well for a positive future for the facility, said Scott Schroth, assistant dean for student affairs at the medical school. He said it is that kind of stability that attracts students to GW's residency program.

"The hospital has a stabilized and positive future," Schroth said.

Medical school graduates around the country were matched with residency programs last month through the AAMC's National Residency



Lebanese Ambassador Mohamad B. Chatah speaks about the status of the peace process at an Arab Students Association-sponsored lecture Wednesday.

## Arab, Israeli groups celebrate coexistence

### Students take peace process to local level

by Anaklara Hering  
Hatchet Staff Writer

Ramzi Dalbah set up a lunch of baklava desserts and kibbeh meatballs on the Quad Tuesday in preparation for a meeting he never thought he'd have.

With floating Arabic music in the background, Arab Students Association President Dalbah shook hands for the first time with Student Alliance for Israel President Scott Wasserman.

They met only four blocks from the White House, where Yasser Arafat, head of the Palestinian Liberation Organization, and former Israeli Prime Minister Yitzak Rabin joined hands in 1995 in a promise of peaceful coexistence.

Student leaders at GW came together to continue the peace process the two international leaders began three years ago.

The Day For Peace Through Coexistence, a celebration co-sponsored by the ASA and SAFI, marked the first time in GW's history Arab and Jewish groups successfully came together to address Arab-Israeli relations on campus.

Last September, the ASA was slated to participate in a meeting with Jewish students from GW Friends of Israel to discuss the issue. The attempt to celebrate the 1978 Camp David Accords never came to fruition because of miscommunication and animosity between the two groups, leaving Jewish students

handing out fliers alone at the event.

But Dalbah said the partnership between ASA and SAFI has turned out differently.

"We designed a platform that neither side would go against each other. There was a formulation of a friendship instead of trying to prove something," Dalbah said.

The situation was marred when

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## Trachtenberg sees bright future

by Matt Berger  
Asst. News Editor

Rumor has it GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg will leave the University's top office any day now. Rumor has it he's waiting to be appointed secretary of education. Rumor has it he wants to be president of an Ivy League school.

Trachtenberg says people shouldn't believe everything they hear.

"I don't know where these rumors come from," he said. Trachtenberg said he has no desire to dabble in politics or leave his post in Foggy Bottom.

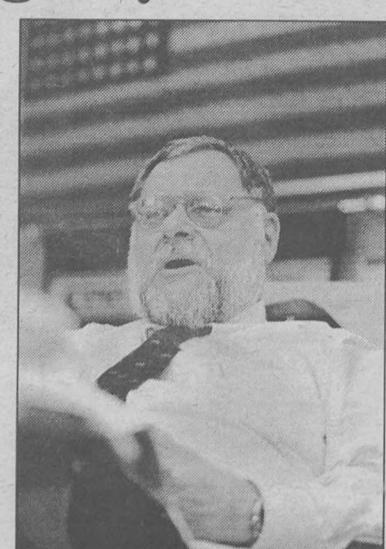
■ GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg will mark his 10th anniversary at the University Aug. 1. In a three-part series, The GW Hatchet will explore where the University has gone in the 10 years of his administration, where it is now and where it is headed, through the eyes of GW's president.

"This is a bigger venue with more daunting challenges and opportunities," he said. "It keeps me on my toes."

Trachtenberg's office seems to reveal a love for politics – photos of him with U.S. presidents from Carter to Clinton and other dignitaries adorn the walls.

But Trachtenberg said he likes politicians, not politics.

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Tyson Trish/editor in chief

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**News Briefs****Journalists consider ethics in the online age**

The future of online journalism is bright but precarious, according to three journalists who discussed media ethics in the era of the Internet Tuesday.

Newsweek reporter Peter McGrath, School of Media and Public Affairs professor Steve Roberts and Washington Post reporter John Schwartz participated in a discussion called "Sex, Lies and the Internet: Are Journalism's Old Rules Dead?"

"While popular use of the Internet is new, sex and lies have been with us always," said SMPA Director Jean Folkerts, who moderated the discussion.

Roberts, who teaches a class about the changing nature of the news business, said the rapid growth of the Internet is seeping into all parts of society.

The panelists said the possibility for false information on the Internet is much higher than in a newspaper.

"Internet reporters do not have to go through an editor or any other screening process to post news," Schwartz said.

"You just have to use your bullshit sensor," he said.

Overall, the panel was enthusiastic but skeptical about the future of news on the Internet.

"I am not a Web-basher," Roberts said. "But I do have some concerns."

*-Andrew Ganz*

**SA Senate-elect rejects candidates for two cabinet positions**

Members of the Student Association Senate-elect refused to confirm two of President-elect Carrie Potter's appointees to next year's Cabinet at their meeting Wednesday.

Marty Claessens, a freshman senator this year, was not confirmed as vice president for undergraduate policy.

Current Rules Committee Chair Philippe Rosse (SBPM) said Claessens proved skillful at outreach as a freshman senator, but did not use what he learned in the Senate to implement changes.

The Senate-elect also voted down Patrick Ledesma's candidacy for vice president of student activities.

Some graduate senators questioned whether Ledesma, an undergraduate, could effectively advocate grad student concerns on financial issues because undergraduate and graduate student groups compete for funds.

Rosse also pointed to contradictions between Ledesma's written application for the position and his answers to senators' questions.

"He seems to mold his answers to what you want hear," Rosse said.

Potter said she will bring the unconfirmed candidates up for another vote in the fall.

"These are the two best candidates for the job," Potter said.

Lonnie Giambella will stay on as vice president for academic affairs and Brian Schoeneman will continue as vice president for judicial and legislative affairs. Jonathan Nurse was appointed vice president for public affairs and Jeff Marootian will serve as vice president for community affairs.

The vice president of financial affairs confirmation was postponed because the candidate is overseas.

A lack of applications prevented Potter from nominating a candidate for vice president of graduate affairs. She said she hopes to see more interest from graduate students for the position.

*-Tammy Imhoff*

**Greek-letter organizations promote community service**

by Francesca Di Meglio

Hatchet Staff Writer

On campuses across the nation, philanthropy has become a keyword among fraternities and sororities.

Projects like the Interfraternity Council's month-long clothing drive exemplify the energy Greek-letter organizations have put into community service on GW's campus, said Brandon Moss, IFC vice president for programming.

Wednesday's clothing drop-off on the Quad marked the finale of the IFC drive for Miriam's Closet, a subsidiary of Miriam's Kitchen soup kitchen on 24th and G streets.

Individual organizations have done their part to serve the community as well, requiring their members perform service in the neighborhood year-round.

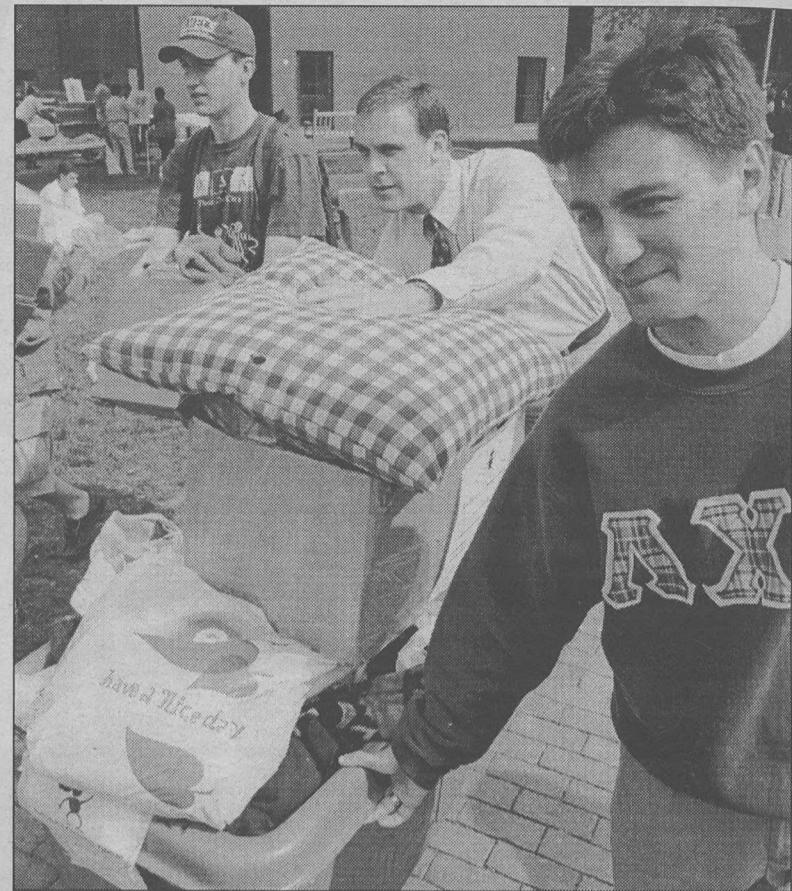
While the work benefits the community, Theta Delta Chi philanthropy chair Wally Jumat and other members of the Greek-letter system said philanthropy creates a bond stronger than mere friendship - it enhances brotherhood and sisterhood.

Eskridge said she has fond memories of Christmas caroling at GW Hospital with her sisters because it gives them one last chance to bond before winter break.

Members of Kappa Sigma said they look forward to future opportunities like their work with Hands On D.C. because of the feelings of fraternity fostered during their service.

"Community service is an opportunity for brothers to get together and have fun," said Zach Sisisky, Kappa Sigma's community service chair. "And, at the same time we get results and improve our community together."

Last year, brothers of Kappa Sigma gathered at the Capitol to participate in Hands On D.C., an



**IFC President Neil Smith (l) and Lambda Chi Alpha brother Paul McGinley (r) collect clothes on the Quad Wednesday.**

effort to renovate local high schools. Beta Theta Pi brothers performed the same service Thursday.

Other members of the Greek-letter community are volunteering at Miriam's Kitchen, tutoring D.C. youth and fundraising for charitable organizations.

The Panhellenic Association, the sorority counterpart of the Interfraternity Council, will hold its annual fashion show to support breast cancer research April 24 in the Marvin Center Ballroom.

The Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, which began the tradition, plans to continue its support for breast cancer research, said Hannah Eskridge, president of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

One of the sorority's pledge classes visited babies with AIDS at D.C. General Hospital a few years ago. The sorority has also participated in the AIDS Walk and Foggy Bottom Clean-up efforts, Eskridge said.

Adopt-a-School - a program originated at GW by the Theta Delta Chi fraternity and Alpha Epsilon Phi sorority - also has benefited from the organizations' philanthropy, said Wally Jumat, philanthropy chair for Theta Delta Chi.

Previously run through the two Greek-letter organizations, the program now is open to the entire Greek-letter system, Jumat said.

Jumat, who participated in the

program his freshman year, said Adopt-a-School provides a link between college students and children who need tutors in Washington.

The experience of watching a child progress throughout the semester was astonishing, he said.

"You never actually think you can change someone's life," Jumat said. "A lot of the brothers learned they were helping themselves by helping others."

Theta Delta Chi also plans one other major philanthropy project each semester, Jumat said.

In the fall, the fraternity also sponsored ParaRelays, an event that supports athletes with disabilities. The ParaRelays, which take place on the Quad and G Street, include blind soccer, sitting volleyball and wheelchair races.

To commemorate Theta Delta Chi's philanthropic dedication, GW's Office of Community Service awarded the fraternity's Greek Charity Bowling Tournament the 1997 Official Greek Charity Event. The group donated participation fees from last year's event to Hands On D.C. This year's tournament will be held Thursday.

This year Kappa Sigma members have attended the 12th Annual Black History Invitational Swim Meet and they visit Miriam's Kitchen on a weekly basis, Sisisky said.

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# RHA rejects wiring project compromise

by Laura Hertzfeld  
Hatchet Reporter

The Residence Hall Association rejected a proposal Wednesday that would prevent installation of cable and Ethernet connections in residence hall rooms during reading period and final exams.

The proposal, presented by the University administration and RHA's executive board at last week's RHA meeting, would have limited work to residence hall corridors between April 30 and May 10.

Administrators pledged last week that the plan would minimize the amount of noise in the residence halls during exams, but would allow some work to continue as the University upgrades campus technology.

The RHA voted 16-4 to oppose the compromise, which would affect Thurston, Munson and Fulbright halls.

"I don't think there is another

viable compromise. This compromise wasn't insufficient, but this is something we can't compromise on," said Justin Lavella, RHA president-elect.

Lack of RHA support will not affect the administration's decision, Lavella said.

Several RHA members said they hope the group will develop solutions despite its opposition to the compromise.

"This is the first year (the administration) has come to us for suggestions," RHA President Randy Bomze said. "We've really broken through, and I'm not certain where it's going to go from here."

**-RHA President  
Randy Bomze**

Non-RHA members said they were satisfied with the compromise, which RHA ultimately rejected, though they complained about the constant noise and the entrance of workers into their rooms.

"Writing papers is an impossibility while this is going on," JBKO resident Adam Siple said.



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## Earth Day '98

Wednesday marked the annual celebration of Earth Day. Though thousands of people mark this day by bicycling or carpooling to work, recycling newspapers and cans, or turning off lights when they leave a room – the effort dies when the day is done. What good is conserving energy and limiting resource use for just a day if the other 364 pass without a thought given to the environment?

Conservation is something in which all people can participate. On one extreme are those who argue the price of gas should be increased to levels comparable to those of Europe. This would discourage people from buying and driving gas-guzzling cars that dominate the American highway. Instead, people would use mass transit, car-pooling or alternative means of transportation (feet, bicycle, etc.) to get around. While this may indeed result in reduced gas consumption, its effects on the American economy are unknown. Likewise, the political fallout from support of such a high gas tax makes it highly unlikely such a situation will occur.

A less extreme measure would be a greater emphasis on simple levels of conservation – conserving energy; recycling cans, newspapers, glass; and further research on alternative energy. Nuclear energy is cost-effective, but has significant byproducts while solar energy is the exact opposite.

At GW, the low level of recycling the University does because of contaminated bins (one non-recyclable tossed in can ruin a batch) is well documented. Similarly, the District of Columbia has effectively stopped recycling programs because of lacking funds. In many cities, recycling and conservation programs started in the late '80s and early '90s – when it was vogue to be up on all the details of the ozone layer and greenhouse gases – have gone by the wayside.

Lack of public interest has resulted in cutbacks in what is viewed as a luxury. But with the global and ongoing effects of El Niño this year, which potentially have been exacerbated by a declining environment, attention should be refocused on the "luxury" of global environmental stability.

## Dubious Disney

In Orlando, Florida, Disney is increasing its territorial domain by opening an animal park visitors can drive through à la safari. The only problem with this set-up is that some animals have strayed from Disney's original plan – and have gotten themselves killed by crossing paths with gawking visitors' tour vehicles.

While Disney should be applauded for its efforts to raise public awareness of endangered animals, bringing them to Florida to face the dangers of automobiles and tourists with plastic cameras dangling on their necks does not seem to be a much better alternative.

This park is not the first time Disney has found itself in the spotlight of commercialism and irony. A few years ago, the top cheeses in the Magic Kingdom decided to open a historical amusement area on grounds of the Manassas Battlefield in Virginia. Disney said it would keep alive the memory of the thousands of soldiers who lost their lives there during the Civil War. Preservationists were incensed that memories of the dead would be "Disneyfied." The only thing that stopped the building plans was the public outcry and anger at the proposal.

Disney has also run into a good deal of criticism over its version of mass-marketed history. Films like "Pocahontas," "Hercules" and "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" have been morphed from their original versions to garner mass-market appeal. While Disney has without doubt entertained millions of people for decades, perhaps some of its plans are a bit too far reaching and not well thought out. Maybe it should keep building theme parks and leave the animal preserves to the experts – rather than smashing wildlife into the happy, for-your-amusement Disney style.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Thank you Q

With longevity as a resident in this community, I have witnessed many changes. One of the nicest changes is the progressive development of the healthy meeting of the minds in a happy, constructive way between GW students and residents. One of the major role players responsible for this mutual bonding is the president of the Student Association, Kuyomars "Q" Golparvar.

Those of us in the residential neighborhoods surrounding GW who have had the honor and privilege to know Q want to wish him joyful graduation congratulations and a fond farewell. May our Creator's guidance and blessings be ever present in his future adventures and ventures.

I want to take this opportunity to personally express my sentiments about Q. It is a pleasure to extend heartfelt accolades to "our" Q. Many residents have embraced Q with admiration as our genuine friend – like part of our family. If I had a son, I would be proud if it were Q.

He has tirelessly been a quiet

spoken, strong and stable leader always on track with hopeful foresight, innovative planning and reaching out to our residential community in numerous projects and functions sponsored by the Student Association. Even with his heavy schedule, Q always found time to attend, inform and contribute to our West End Citizens Association, Foggy Bottom Association and ANC-2A meetings.

With his keen sense of understanding, selfless giving, gentle humor, gracious countenance and dedicated participation presence, he has dispelled adverse attitudes among students versus residents. He has recognized and pursued the need to be unified, living side by side, seeking equal balance and not being made to feel like an outdated dust ball swept under the rug. Q and his associates have enriched my life with optimistic faith in our leadership into the 21st century in our country.

My sadness is when these wonderful, serious-minded students graduate and leave us, but I realize they must move on, making their mark in society with their academic knowledge, hands-on productivity,

humanitarian focus and social graces.

My wish is that as graduation approaches, present friendships will always be remembered and we march forward with the spirit of camaraderie and communication continuing next year. Our relationship with caring students compares to various types of flower seeds planted together to be nurtured, grow and bloom in the garden we share.

We shall miss you very much Q, however you will always have a special place in my treasure chest of memories. Thank you for your inspirational dedication and contributions so generously given.

—Lucille Molinelli  
Foggy Bottom resident

## Divine intervention

Fellow Colonials: Please, let us unite, diverse peoples of all races, religions, nations and sexes. Let us unite in prayer over the next month for a sunny, 75-degree day May 17, 1998. Thank you, and may God bless you all.

—Michael Brown  
senior

## Why I won't be in next year's SA

As a student leader who feels responsible to GW students, I would like to make a public statement of the fact that I will not play a role in the GW Student Association during the 1998-99 academic year. During the campaign, I made many promises on the contingency that I would win the presidency. Unfortunately, not enough people supported those ideas to see those promises and that vision come to fruition.

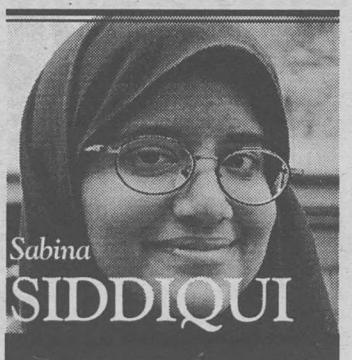
One unqualified promise was made to the near 20 percent that voted for Sabina. That promise was that no matter what the election results, I would make myself a part of the SA and would carve a niche for the vision that we shared. I will not be keeping the promise.

I felt obliged to write this letter to let people know that this promise will go unfulfilled, but not because of empty campaign promises. I never make a promise that I don't keep. The promise will go unfulfilled, but not because I played a hollow actor. I always put my entire soul in every endeavor I make. The promise will go unfulfilled, but not because I was a slimy politician who uses promises as a means to an end. I do everything for its inherent value and pleasure. The promise will go unfulfilled, but not because I was disheartened by the election results.

I always take things in stride, and even went to the extent of throwing my full support behind one of my

opponents for the second round. But the promise will go unfulfilled.

I applied for a position in the SA, completely (and falsely) sure of the fact that the voices I represented in my campaign would not be ignored. I was sure that the SA would be more open to varying opinions and ideas. After all, isn't that what democracy and a healthy government are all about?



Sabina

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vision wasn't compatible with the SA's. I was told thank you for playing, we have some nice parting gifts for you.

I was told thank you for your support, your hard work, your sincerity and your obvious dedication to GW, but you are not who we are looking for to fulfill the position of vice president of student activities. If you'd like, though, we'll place you in a nice directorship-of-keeping-scissors-sharp-in-the-SA office. We probably will not fund this directorship and will completely ignore your existence, but at least we'll somehow acknowledge the three years of service and leadership you have provided GW students.

Granted they may have felt that they were placing me where they best saw me fit in their master scheme, but too bad it was where I would be ineffectual and stifled.

I would not be fulfilling my promise if I were to take the nice parting gifts. I wanted to make a difference in the SA, and I promised to make a difference in the SA. Unfortunately I feel I was rebuked and rebuffed. I apologize to all the people who came out and voted for me. I apologize to all the people who worked for me. I apologize to all the people who believed in me. And I apologize to all the people who did it all over again, a second time, when I asked them to. I am sorry that I was unable to keep that promise, but I did try.

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# Stripping into the sunset

This is my last Hatchet article, my terminus Oedipus rexus. I will not scribble for this rag again as long as my chest beats on this Godforsaken patch of earth called Foggy Bottom. So says I. So says my God. So says my Hatchet editor, Helder "Satan" Gil.

For this elegy I was going to impart the boundless wisdom gained from four long and tortuous years of truly living the GW experience. But then I realized that would be like giving away \$120,000. It would be like giving a part of my nurtured soul, my fortified body, my buff and blue being to the millions of Hatchet readers and I will NOT share this.

I was then going to interview our venerable President Trachtenberg but it was too difficult to arrange. So I decided to interview someone more accessible – a venerable stripper. I am not talking about those desperate K-Mart brand, frat-party strippers that use bottles. I am talking about those statuesque saline sirens at the distinguished gentlemen's club on M Street, Camelot.

Before I could make the nocturnal excursion, however, I discovered an acquaintance of mine was quite the familiar boy with Washington's women of sin. For his protection, I will call him "Dirty Joe." Dirty Joe started out at Georgetown U. in 1994.

(This is a true story. If you ask me on the street I will even give you his name and number for your verification after ascertaining you're not his mother.) It was the brisk, fulgent fall of '94 and Dirty Joe was your regular, clean-eared lad fresh as Yoplait yogurt.

He came over to GW numerous times to visit during our freshman year. None of the Thurston frumps found him enticing despite his Georgetown status. He was like most Georgetown pups – boring, crispy clean and lame-o. I still remember going to the Georgetown dorm, New South, freshman year to watch these clones play cut-throat computer Jeopardy all night. Dirty Joe didn't even experiment with doobie smoking, new hairstyles or nose picking until his sophomore year.

Then, that sophomore spring he met Sammy the Bull (protective alias), a British student from Britain. Sammy the Bull was loaded out of his linguini like a lot of the foreigners at Georgetown and GW. Sammy the Bull and Dirty Joe would occasionally go to Joanna's together, a less exclusive stripping establishment adjacent to Camelot. (According to Dirty Joe, Joanna's is named after the owner's lesbian wife.)

As Dirty Joe says, "(Sammy the Bull) was a bullshitter." He would b.s. to other Georgetown students that his mom starred in "Octopussy." He tried to b.s. the strippers into getting involved with him and did manage to have a stripper girlfriend for a while.

Dirty Joe did not become "Dirty Joe" until spring his junior year. It was then that he and Sammy began

attending Joanna's four to five times a week. They got caught up in b.s.ing a pair of Joanna's strippers into believing they were in the music industry. Sammy and Dirty Joe would buy them champagne and arrive at the club in rented limousines financed by bounced checks. They offered to take these women to the Grammies. The strippers lapped it up. (Lap dancing is illegal in D.C.)

One night Dirty Joe found himself, Sammy and the two strippers back at Sammy's place at 3 a.m. For this article, I will call the strippers "Dolly Parton" and "Suzanne Summers." Dolly and Suzanne pulled out some coke. Dirty Joe estimates 80 percent of the full-time strippers in D.C. do coke. Dirty Joe never tried coke, but if you were alone with two gorgeous strippers with breasts bigger than your head, what would you do?

Yeah duh, so after puffing the powder, Dirty Joe was devirginated by Suzanne Summers. NOT, but they did have sex.

Dirty Joe couldn't recount the highlight reel to me very well because at the time of intercourse he was distracted by his racing pulse, constricted throat and the other effects of the cocaine. He doesn't think he gave Suzanne Summers a stellar performance, although she did call him "Thighmaster."

Dirty Joe claims he never became addicted to the cocaine. He was addicted to the lifestyle. Sammy would take Dirty Joe to expensive restaurants like Four Seasons. They would spend their evenings at Joanna's snorting coke late into the night. They bought their cocaine from some Mexican dude named Plato that lived by DuPont Circle.

Dirty Joe admits he was pretty messed up for a while. He would walk back to Georgetown from Sammy's Rosslyn apartment many a morning. The light of dawn and rush hour traffic would accompany him across Key Bridge. He would sleep all day and began getting headaches only cocaine would stop.

Two things happened that ended the merriment. First, Sammy ran up a monstrous tab at Joanna's and \$700 when the ensuing check bounced. Second, the night of the Grammies, Dirty Joe and Sammy the Bull stood up the pair of strippers at the airport. Messages left on their telephone machines by the strippers implied it would not be safe for them to return to the establishment.

Sammy the Bull flunked out of school. Dirty Joe is back in the Boston area. He received all Ws that final semester and now works on a hockey newsletter. He no longer does cocaine and his parents never did find out about his usage or the stripper nights. Cocaine highs are accompanied by cocaine lows and Dirty Joe said, "I milked the depression act pretty hard with my parents and the school."

Dirty Joe says if he had to do it all over again he probably would, "I knew I was in a fantasy world."

Good for you Dirty Joe. Good for you. And to the rest of you, goodbye forever.



Rob

Hertzfeldt

# A final smorgasbord of memories

I could be doing useful things like my writing my final papers, reading, sending out résumés and cover letters or studying for finals. However, I am doing none of those things, which continues the trend of my last semester at good ol' GeeDubs.

Anyway, this is my last column. Yes, start the mourning and wailing now. It boosts my fragile ego. So here's the last bit of strangeness from me. It'll have to do until I blackmail The Washington Post and other major newspapers into printing my manifesto.

I guess I should get all nostalgic because that's what you're supposed to do when it gets around to graduation time. I'm trying to think of ways to sound really original when I have to say goodbye and all that jazz. I hate sounding like a yearbook entry, you know, like "Keep in touch!" and "Have a nice summer."

Things I'll remember about GW: my near-death experiences on the Potomac, including hitting the 14th Street Bridge at full speed this week and sinking into the river in late February of my sophomore year; Thurston as all-you-can-eat – it was all about Saturday morning brunches; getting free stuff; going to the Library of Congress for the first time and getting lost; the smell of mulch in the spring; baseball games at Camden Yards.

Dove and Rainbow half-price pizza nights; how my lab partner didn't use gloves when we dissected the fetal pig for baby bio; Prof. Schiff doing the bee dance and showing us crass animal cartoons; when JJKO Hall was just known as Milton, and when Fulbright was Everglades; getting stuck in the Adams Hall elevator (better known as steel death trap) during my freshman year; George harassing me at every basketball game; seeing vomit on the Hippo.

The free Labor Day concerts by the National Symphony Orchestra; that dude who rides the bike around D.C. with the stereo strapped to the back of it always playing reggae; when we got free T-shirts for every campus event, no matter how inconsequential it was; Tan Man (one of the many colorful people who wander around on campus); the GW Deli and how those guys (I think they are all named Leo) never use a cash register.

When a plane crashed into the



Audrey

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The Flip Side

White House and several lunatics decided to take pot shots at it. Since then Pennsylvania Avenue has turned into an excellent roller hockey arena; cherry blossoms; the Albert Einstein memorial – clearly the coolest memorial of all; the horrid smell of sauerkraut that permeates the entryway of J Street; going to all the women's volleyball games. You should try it sometime. Very exciting. Sometimes you get free stuff.

Upsetting UMass in 1995 when Clinton was at the game; the women's basketball team coming back from a 17-point deficit and beating Drake in overtime to go to the Sweet 16 in 1995 – the best game I've ever seen; Mr. Henry's. Velvet walls. Need I say

more? Tokay. Nothing more needs to be said here, either.

J Street's Midnight Breakfast. Get free stuff. The site of some awesome dance parties; being stuck in Mitchell Hall freshman year and not talking to anyone for the first week of school; the guy who sells pasta, Taz the coffee guy and Manoosh; Filipescu saying "anal seepage"; working at Ben & Jerry's on Halloween for the past two years and Free Cone Day. Complete anarchy; getting to write in The Hatchet about silly things like the luge and nougat.

This list is hardly comprehensive. I thought all you faithful readers might get a kick out of the strange things that stick in my mind. Think of a few of your own. It's fun and you might be surprised at yourself. I spared you of the other memories I could add that concern crew. Most of you wouldn't understand.

However, rowing at GW really has shaped my life. Have you ever completely thrown yourself into achieving perfection and being the best? That's what my team does, in those early hours, when sensible people are sleeping, or some of you are just getting home.

It's built up my threshold of pain up a lot, which could come in handy at some other point in my life. As much as my teammates and I complain about it, we are completely devoted to crew. I've learned what it really means to set a goal, work hard and achieve it. So, a hearty thanks and salute to my teammates and coaches. You all kick ass.

It would take a lot more room than I have to mention everyone else that was a part of my college life. So here, bring your copy of The Hatchet to me and I'll fill in some other space. It can be like a yearbook. Later.

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# WE REMEMBER

## On the 83rd Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide

On April 24, 1915, Ottoman Turkish authorities arrested more than 500 Armenian leaders, writers, musicians, clergymen, and members of parliament in the dead of the night. They were deported from Constantinople to the Anatolian interior and summarily killed. Why? Because they were Armenian. During the next eight years, more than **1.5 million Armenian men, women and children** were **uprooted** from their homes, and **massacred** along death marches through the Syrian desert. To this day, the Turkish government denies this ever happened.

*An appeal for relief of Armenian Christians in Turkey, following reported massacres and threatened further outrages, was made to the Turkish Government today by the United States.*

-New York Times, April 28, 1915

*Since May last 800,000 Armenians, men, women, and children have been slain in cold blood in Asia Minor.*

-New York Times, October 7, 1915

*German and Turkish statistics...in 1916 showed that 1,396,350 Armenians had been deported and that of that number 1,056,550 had been massacred.*

-New York Times, October 7, 1918

*When the Turkish authorities gave the orders for these deportations, they were merely giving the death warrant to a whole race; they understood this well, and, in their conversations with me, they made no particular attempt to conceal the fact...I am confident that the whole history of the human race contains no such horrible episode as this. The great massacres and persecutions of the past seem almost insignificant when compared to the sufferings of the Armenian race in 1915.*

-US Ambassador to Ottoman Turkey, Henry Morgenthau, Sr.

*The extermination of the Armenian population groups through deportation and massacre constitutes a crime of genocide.*

-Paris Permanent People's Tribunal, April 13-16, 1984

*To date, the Turkish Government, by refusing to recognize the Genocide of 1915, continues to deprive the Armenian people of the right to their own history.*

-European Parliament's Resolution, June 18, 1987

We, the Armenian Students' Association, call on all members of the GW community to join us in commemorating the 83rd Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide. Let us also pray for and remember all victims of genocide throughout this century. Through vigilance and respect for our fellow man, we can help put an end to all forms of ethnic cleansing and racial hatred in the world.

## Earth Week activities promote green GW

by Annie H. Nguyen  
Hatchet Staff Writer

Green University, the Student Association and other student organizations planned a week of programming designed to increase environmental awareness on campus in celebration of Earth Day April 22.

"Environmental issues are not a big concern at GW and Earth Week is a way of getting more people active," said Mike Reigelman, a Green University representative and co-director of Earth Week activities.

Earth Week began April 16 with the Global Warming Conference on campus. The all-day conference focused on the implications of global warming and methods to reduce the emission of globe-warming gases.

Programs continued with an outdoor service project sponsored by Campus Outdoor Recreation Enthusiasts April 19. In cooperation with the Appalachian Trail Club, 12 volunteers cleaned and rebuilt the Potomac Heritage Trail on Roosevelt Island.

In addition, Earth Week coordinators and members of the Trees for GW project raised funds to purchase two acres of rain forest in Ecuador.

An Earth Week celebration on the Quad Monday provided students free barbecue and ivy plants.

At the event, residence halls were recognized for establishing and continuing recycling efforts, and awards were presented for entries in the environmental art and photography competition.

Representatives of Greenpeace discussed current environmental issues and plans for the environmental future of the University and the earth. Earth Week volunteers distributed and discussed issues like ozone depletion, acid rain and deforestation.

The School of Business and Public Management sponsored a panel discussion about "Greening Business," which addressed the interaction between business and the environment.

Freshman Earth Week volunteer Sarah Jansan said more students participated than she imagined.

"Environmentalists you find (at GW) have strong hearts," she said.

"Though we have a Green University office, we don't have a Green University administration," said Ivan Urlaub, Earth Week co-director and SA director of student environmental programs. "(Earth Week) wouldn't have happened if it weren't for the dedication of so many active student environmentalists."

Urlaub said nearly 70 students volunteered to hand out pamphlets, set up displays and serve food at the various Earth Week activities.

## Med students find residencies

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Matching Program, known in med school circles as "Match Day."

Since 1952, the program has matched medical students with their top-choice hospitals while attempting to meet hospitals' needs for qualified residents, said John Parker, AAMC's director of communications.

Parker said students submit a ranked list of the hospitals where they would like to work and hospitals provide lists of their best students. The lists are matched and the information is distributed to medical schools, he said.

Nationally, 79 percent of all students who participated in the program were matched to one of their top three hospitals, AAMC reports.

"We did worse in the sense of lower matches to students top three choices (then in years past)," Schroth said. "We did better in that our percentage of unmatched graduates was smaller."

Schroth attributes the success of GW medical school graduates to the school's thorough advising program.

"Each student receives one or two faculty advisors connected with a specialty in (the student's) area of

interest," Schroth said.

"These figures reflect what we have known all along at GW Medical School, you receive a first-rate education that prepares you for some of the best residency programs in the nation," said Dr. John Williams, vice president for health affairs in a press release.

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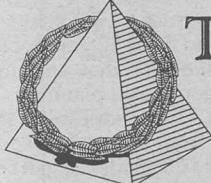
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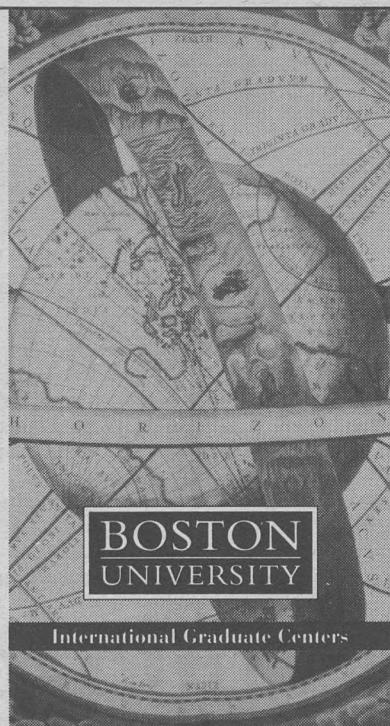
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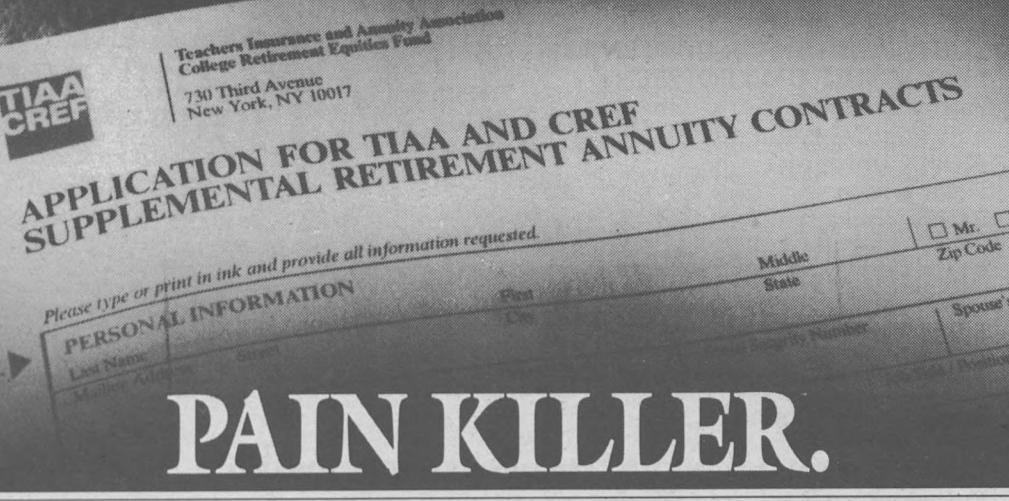
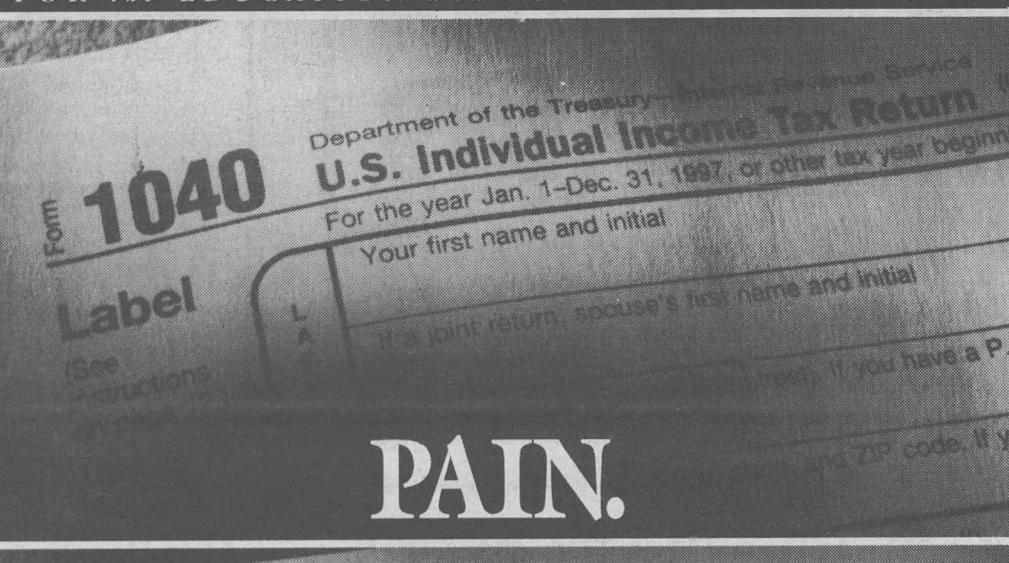
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# Exhibit celebrates broadcast history

by Preethy Kolnijivadi

Hatchet Reporter

A life-sized replica of former President Franklin Delano Roosevelt delivering one of his "Fireside Chats" is among the artifacts of broadcast history being displayed in an exhibit in the Marvin Center's Colonnade Gallery.

The "Washington's Broadcast Legacy" exhibit, which opened Monday, cements a years-long collaboration between the Radio History Society and the GW School of Media and Public Affairs.

"This is a nice partnership," said Mike Freedman, GW's director of public affairs. "We have been working with RHS for three years, since they brought their exhibit here in 1995."

The new relationship will provide students access to RHS collections of historical documents and research material in Gelman Library and on the Internet, Freedman said.

"This exhibit is designed to appeal to students," said Ken Melgren of RHS. "A lot of thought was put into this display."

**University remains a challenge, SJT says**

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"I prefer to be on a campus where there are actual professors and actual students who keep you mindful of the business you're in," he said. He said his love of the campus atmosphere has kept him out of state educational systems, where he would be away from the front lines, running schools from an office.

Trachtenberg said his experiences in academia and the Department of Education give him a unique perspective on the U.S. educational system.

"What I've learned over the years is that change is more likely to come from the bottom-up than from the top-down," he said. "It's important not to overestimate what can be done in Washington."

So Trachtenberg said he is not waiting by the phone for a presidential job offer. And he's not waiting for another university to call.

He said two runs as a university president are enough for him, and though his mother told him to never say never, he comes very close when he discusses his future in university administration.

"I can't imagine doing a third university presidency," Trachtenberg said. "It's highly improbable."

His feet firmly planted in his luxurious eighth-floor Rice Hall office, Trachtenberg has a vision for GW's next 10 years.

"GW now has all sorts of physical attributes that market us as a university that it didn't have a decade ago," Trachtenberg said.

And he said he expects GW to grow physically in the next several years.

"There's a lot of brick and mortar this institution desperately needs," Trachtenberg said. His face lights up as he lists projects in different stages of development in Foggy Bottom — a new hospital, a building for the

RHS donated most of the artifacts on display, which include television and radio sets, microphones and broadcasting equipment. Other pieces were borrowed from museums, television and radio stations, and private contributors, Melgren said.

The display also includes tributes to historical radio figures, and information on local radio and television stations.

Among the historical paraphernalia are one of the oldest scanning disk television sets, developed in Silver Spring, Md. in the 1920s, and the Ronald McDonald costume created and worn by Willard Scott.

"This exhibit provides enrichment for GW students, as well as the beginning of a permanent archive for the history of broadcasting in Washington," Freedman said. "We can better understand where we are going if there's a good understanding of where we've been."

GW will host events including a live radio show and guest speakers as part of the collaboration between RHS and GW, Freedman said.

School of Media and Public Affairs, renovations to the Marvin Center and a health and wellness center.

"Space is a constraint in most urban universities," Trachtenberg said. But he said it is a bigger problem for schools like GW that are ambitious in their long-term planning.

However, that doesn't stop Trachtenberg from saying he expects to add 500 to 1,000 residence hall beds and that GW will have all the buildings it wants within the next decade — if not sooner.

But some of Trachtenberg's goals for the school can not be measured in bricks.

His prospects for the University's future mirror the goals he had in mind when he took over at GW — to see the University move into the highest echelon of national and international education.

"It's becoming the University I think it can become," Trachtenberg said.

Trachtenberg said he wants to return to his roots in teaching when he completes his tenure as GW president. He has thought about the future — teaching, writing and travel are at the fore of his post-retirement plans.

"I think there's surely enough (at GW) to keep me entertained and challenged for a little while longer," Trachtenberg said.

Trachtenberg said 10 years ago he would stay at GW until his work is done. Ten years later, facilities have sprung up like hotels in a Monopoly game. Educational opportunities have diversified. National attention has increased by leaps and bounds.

But Trachtenberg still is sticking with his project — GW — until it's just the way he wants it.

"I'd like to hand the University over to the next president with the feeling I'm turning over a place happier and stronger than the place I received."

# Open dialogue displaces conflict

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the two groups tried to prove they were more peaceful than their counterparts, Dalbah said.

"But now it truly is about unity between both groups," he added.

Maha El-Sheikh, ASA secretary, said the failed event last fall was evidence of the chasm between Arab and Jewish students on campus.

The ASA restructured its leadership and mission "in part because of what happened and in an effort to break the stereotypes about the clubs," she said.

"We got together and said things have to change. This is a step beyond what happened. Now we're really trying to open dialogue," El-Sheikh said.

"I think we all have, even though we may not want to admit it, fears and prejudices about each other," she said. "There is such a division, even in our classrooms, because you don't know if it's okay to approach that other person."

Wasserman sat with El-Sheikh during the peace rally flipping through listings of international organizations that promote peace in the Arab-Israeli conflict.

"How many people have decided

that this is the right goal," he said. "Look at how many other organizations there are that have the same feelings we do. We can't all be wrong."

ASA and SAFI also are planning to send a student-signed letter to Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

But Wasserman and the movement for coexistence faces some opposing views.

Sophomore Aaron Pool, who is Jewish, said he wants peace but does not agree with the way the process is conducted.

"While what these students are doing at this program is great, it fuels the peace process, which on the whole I don't agree with," Pool said. "I'm not saying I don't support peace. I'm saying I don't agree with the methods being used."

Wasserman said he was not surprised by Pool's response.

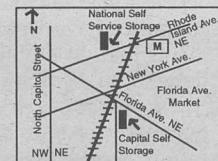
"A lot of Jews were raised to think a certain way about Arabs. When I grew up it was a part of what was around me," Wasserman said. "For these students to do this together is shocking and unsettling. All of the sudden Arabs and Jews are sitting at the table next to them — together."

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## Freshman class to hit 1,700

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The admissions office sets no official cut-off date for applications, but by the end of August, it generally can establish full graduate enrollment, said Christopher Sterling, associate dean for graduate studies in CSAS.

"It's just too early to know the extent of enrollment," Lehman said.

Speculation on enrollment may be premature, but Sigelman said the University's academic budget will be cut if the projected number of students do not attend GW.

She said a similar drop in 1996 caused widespread cuts throughout the University.

But graduate admission is not the only factor that influences the budget. Undergraduate admissions must also be taken into account, Sigelman said.

With a week left before May 1, the national deadline for incoming freshmen to reply to colleges, 722 applicants have accepted GW's invitation to attend in the fall, said Michael O'Leary, senior associate director of undergraduate admissions.

GW registered 1,723 entering freshmen for the 1997-

'98 academic year. Registration for the 1998-'99 academic year will rise during the next week because students often wait until the last days before the deadline to make a decision, said Director of Undergraduate Admissions Kathryn Napper.

This year, the undergraduate admissions office accepted 6,186 (48.7 percent) applicants to the class of 2002, O'Leary said.

O'Leary said he expects 1,700 freshmen will attend GW in the fall. He said that estimates reflect the growing number of students attending the University's spring visit sessions. A record-breaking 500 accepted students made reservations for the second visit April 19, O'Leary said.

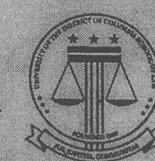
About 150 women also are expected to attend GW's Mount Vernon campus next semester, O'Leary said.

GW took financial control of MVC in October 1996 and the all-women's college will be fully integrated into the University by June 1999.

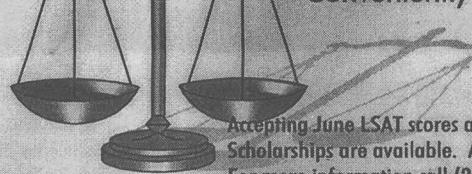
President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg said he has high but reasonable expectations for the incoming classes at both campuses.

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# Hugo Alfaro

## *El Salvadoran senior ponders education, the presidency and Mom*

by Matthew Katz  
Hatchet Staff Writer

Cynics have spoken of late about the death of the American dream. These days, it's impossible to achieve, they complain. Nobody really wants to work for it, others say. Apparently, these naysayers haven't met senior Hugo Alfaro.

When he was five years old, Alfaro immigrated to the United States from El Salvador with his mother and two older brothers. The family settled into the Adams Morgan section of Washington, D.C. to "look for a better life." And years later, Alfaro has found just that.

### Poor, really poor

The United States has been good to the Alfaro family, although it hasn't always been easy. Alfaro had to spend four years working at Popeye's to pay his tuition at the parochial John Carol High School.

"We were really poor," Alfaro says. "We had luck, but I worked hard through high school."

Today Alfaro's mother continues to work in Adams Morgan, selling CDs, tapes and various products from El Salvador.

Alfaro was the captain of his high school soccer team for two years, and won the John Carol High School award for community service.

"I think that I have been really fortunate to be an immigrant to this country," Alfaro says. "When I was back in my country, I barely had a pair of shoes or a pair of nice dress pants to wear to go to church. I had to wear my oldest brother's clothes when he was done with them."

"And now here I am, at one of the best colleges in the United States," Alfaro says. He is the first in his family to go to college.

### Latinos for Progress

Once situated in Thurston, Alfaro took the school by storm. "I felt that I didn't belong here," he remembers. "GW portrayed itself as an international school, but I was disappointed."

So Alfaro decided to do something about it. Hoping to find out how to run programs and organize groups, he dropped in on campus meetings for international organizations.

Sophomore year, Alfaro founded Latinos For Progress. LFP began with seven original members; it now boasts more than 100.

"My main goal was to unite the Latinos at GW, and in a way to reach out to other minority groups on campus," he says.

LFP brought Hispanic Heritage Month to GW, and in 1996 held the first Latin American Culture Night in the Marvin Center Ballroom. In cooperation with the College Democrats, LFP brought Loretta Sanchez to speak on campus. Sanchez became something of an icon for Latino progress when she triumphed over Rep. Bob Dornan (R-Calif.) in a controversial 1996 elec-

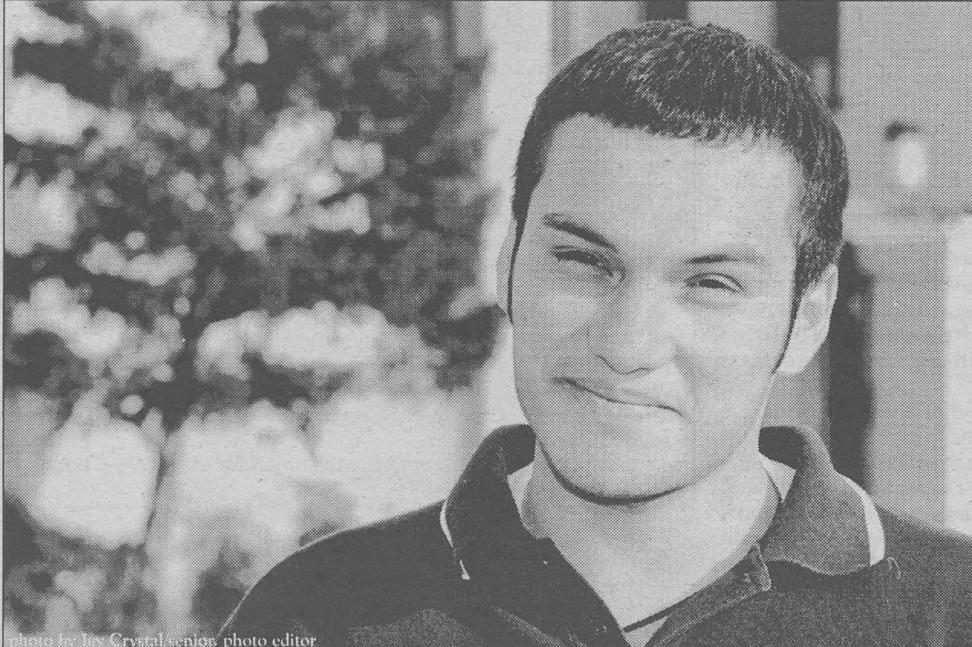


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tion.

Alfaro adds that part of LFP's mission is to involve itself with other minority groups on campus. "You try to outreach to other groups and minorities that exemplify diversity on campus," he says. "Hey, you come to my events, I come to your events, we learn from each other."

He says he believes that voluntary segregation is a campus problem. "Sometimes different minorities feel comfortable with their own group," he says. "It's a shame."

Alfaro says the problem is diminishing with the passing of years.

"Every time I see something like that, I try to introduce myself, and be sociable with other minorities," he says. Alfaro notes that he has friends from every ethnic minority, including black, Asian and Middle Eastern.

"I think that it is imperative to always, always make friends," he says. "To me, the color of skin doesn't matter. What matters to me is personality. Like Martin Luther King said, 'the content of their character.'"

### Juggling

Playing midfield on the GW men's soccer team won Alfaro some grants, relieving financial stress. But it has meant juggling campus activities, academics and soccer trips and practices.

A political science major with minors in religion and Latin American studies, Alfaro had to polish his time management skills.

"It has strengthened me," he explains. "And the coach and the teammates are excellent people."

Alfaro, who started about half the games his

senior year, says he is thankful for the playing time he got.

Alfaro, through various community service projects, has spent his college career reaching out to local youth. He worked for Stand For Children, an organization that advocates equal health care and education rights for children.

An ambassador for GW's Multicultural Student Service Center and co-chair of the Youth Latino Civil Task Force, Alfaro visited D.C. schools to encourage inner-city students to finish high school and attend college.

"The Latino education rate in the U.S. is really low, so we try to promote education," he explains.

Alfaro's community service work has not gone unnoticed – this year, he became the first Latino to receive GW's Martin Luther King Jr. Medal for Human Rights. The award goes to the individual who exemplifies the human values embodied in King's work, including commitment to multiculturalism, peace, nonviolence, personal integrity and ethical and religious reflection.

### Down the line

Alfaro says he will continue to struggle for Latino civil rights after he graduates in May. He will be working at the Washington Office on Latin America, which promotes human rights in Latin American countries. He will travel in and out of Central America and Cuba.

But Jim Graham, D.C. City Council member, recently asked Alfaro to run his re-election campaign.

"He wants me because he knows I am known around the Latino community, and he

wants to get Latinos out to vote," Alfaro explains.

Alfaro met Graham at a police meeting during which questions were raised about whether a young Latino, who was beaten by a police officer, had his civil rights violated. "Graham was there, he gave me his card, and he told me, 'I want you to run my campaign,'" Alfaro says.

Alfaro has not responded to Graham's offer. After next year, he will be applying to law school. "And GW is my first choice," he said.

"I love GW because if I didn't like something I have been able to change it," Alfaro says. "I have been able to beat the system."

Alfaro is not blind to GW's faults. "It's too expensive, and I think the administration ignores students' needs and wants," he says.

Alfaro cites his time spent on the Student Leadership Team. He says that, most noticeably with regards to the tuition hike issue, the administration said, "This is what we had planned, anything you say doesn't matter."

Alfaro advises incoming students to remain active in college. "You can become a leader," he says. "And being a leader is a great thing. People are now looking for strong leaders."

"And you should always put your academics first," he says. "I feel that has helped me to find who I am, and to mature."

### Appreciating the United States

"The United States is a great country. I am really lucky that I am here," Alfaro says.

But he does see problems with the country, particularly in the way it handles its immigrant population. "A lot of people come to the U.S. because they have no other way to support their families," he explains.

"It is a crime to treat them as illegal aliens. There are people who are starving down there (in South America), who are so poor."

He added that the United States should cease support of corrupt South American governments that do nothing to decrease the tremendous social disparity in their nations.

"I probably see myself practicing international law," Alfaro says when asked about the future. "And I do want to go back to my country and use my education as a tool to help with the inequalities."

"One of my dreams is actually becoming president of El Salvador. That's my biggest goal. It's not a dream, but a goal," he said. "And I usually achieve my goals. It's going to take time, but I can see myself in less than 40 years as president."

But the would-be president says he will always look up to one person.

"My mother taught me great morals, she really supported everything I did," Alfaro says. "She has worked so hard for me and my brothers. I hope I can continue on and one day provide for her, after the amount that she has suf-

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# Finding the RHYTHM

Cultural dancing provides students opportunities to connect with their heritage and themselves

by Shruti Daté  
Weekend Writer

**T**urkish rhythms flow through the limbs of Oben Cinar with the same intensity of the 100 tiny bells ringing around Supriya Jagannath's feet as she performs *Bharatnatyam*, an ancient Indian dance.

Through traditional motions of ethnic dance, performers speak the body language of their cultures – and different styles can speak to one another in a dialogue of dance.

"People are so different," says sophomore Heidi Wicker, a seasoned tap dancer recently drawn to Spanish dancing. "But every culture seems to have a dance."

All people carry an innate desire to "say something," says Lin Wenning, who teaches ballet and dance history.

"I think we have a need to have a voice, to hear our voice, to admit what we are feeling," she reflects.

Dance allows an escape from "this talking thing" and communicates emotion within people, Wenning says.

Through intricate foot work, exact hand movements and expressive facial gestures, Jagannath, a senior, reincarnates Hindu stories passed through generations.

Jagannath says she tries to enamor the audi-

ence with powerful pieces focusing on Nataraja, the Hindu lord of dance. She says she hopes her on-stage efforts captivate her audience.

"(Dance) is a direct way of giving joy to the audience," she explains. "If I can make just one person smile, if they are immersed in my dance, I will have made a difference."

Along with viewers' satisfaction, performers also reap benefits from this art form.

Sophomore Kim Castro, who traces her roots to the Philippines, says dancing provides a link to her culture.

Raised in Pittsburgh, she saw little of her ancestors' culture. A local Filipino folk dance

source:  
Supriya Jagannath  
**GW and the District offer many opportunities for students to explore culture through dance.**



(See DANCING, p. 13)

## Documentary attempts to persuade Congress

by Greg Lantier  
Weekend Writer

**W**ith prostitutes, hundreds of windmills and a hashish dealer named Naroush, *Sex, Drugs, and Democracy*, a documentary about Dutch law, tries to persuade national lawmakers to expand their minds about medicinal marijuana.

Stephen Markoff, chairman of A-Mark Financial Corporation, is sending a copy of the 1994 documentary to the president, vice president and every Congress and Cabinet member.

In the film, Markoff offers an argument against House Resolution 372, an anti-medicinal marijuana bill. If taken seriously by elected officials, the film's contention that the Dutch approach to drugs is more logical than U.S. policy will help shape debate on the resolution in the House of Representatives.

The documentary examines liberal Dutch laws, such as legalized prostitution and pornography, government-funded needle distribution, euthanasia and the open sale of marijuana and hashish. It combines uncensored film footage with a continuous, narrative string of clips from interviews with government officials, businessmen,

drug addicts and others.

Far from a dispassionate exploration of the Dutch legal system, the film in many ways is a reaction to U.S. policy. It periodically pauses to take shots at what it sees as the hypocrisy of American morality laws. Interspersed in the documentary are selected articles of the Dutch Constitution emphasizing freedom.

The rub with the U.S. Congress will be the film's exploration of the Netherlands' method of dealing with drugs, which stands far outside the arguments offered thus far in House documents concerning the anti-medicinal marijuana House Resolution 372.

Marijuana is tolerated in Holland, though it is illegal because of international agreements to which the Dutch are bound. Both marijuana and hashish are available at more than 2,000 coffee shops throughout the Netherlands to people 18 and older. Smoking pot also is used freely as a medical treatment.

Such free availability of marijuana is far off the radar screens of House judiciary and commerce committees members, but the argument about possible medical use is still potent.

The case made in *Sex, Drugs, and Democracy* offers alternatives to several of the premises and points of House Resolution 372, including that marijuana is a "gateway" drug and that alternative medicines



*Sliding Doors* explores the "what if" aspects of life with comedy and romance.

## Paltrow dazzles in romantic comedy with a fun twist

by Jack D. Cohen  
Weekend Writer

**R**omantic comedies are usually nothing more than huge disappointments filled with overused clichés and "Friends" stars. But sometimes Hollywood puts a stellar twist on the subject of romance and love.

*Sliding Doors* (Miramax) is a perfect example of what goes right when great acting, witty writing and a fresh plot are rolled into one – a can't-miss movie that guarantees audiences will laugh out loud and truly have an enjoyable movie experience.

Helen (Gwyneth Paltrow, *Great Expectations*) just was fired from her job with a public relations firm in London. On her way home to tell her live-in boyfriend Gerry (John Lynch, *In the Name of the Father*), she misses her train.

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# Nightwatch falls short of new standards for horror film genre

by Chris Himes  
Weekend Writer

**T**hough *Nightwatch* (Dimension Films) follows in the wake of Gen-X slasher flicks *Scream*, *Scream II* and *I Know What You Did Last Summer*, it doesn't compare. *Nightwatch* is the basic, predictable suspense thriller. Only one difference – it has a Scottish heart-throb desperately trying to sound American.



The film stars Ewan McGregor (*Trainspotting*) as the hapless law student, Martin Bells. He takes on the job of night watchman at the town morgue just as dead prostitutes with their eyes cut out start turning up there. It sounds gruesome – and it is.

Martin learns from the elderly, paranoid night watchman he replaces that horrible, unspeakable things have taken place at the morgue. And years ago, one of the night watchmen was involved in a disgraceful

crime about which no one ever talked.

The freaked-out Martin learns his way around the morgue and begins to grow accustomed to the creepiness of it all. Then the murders start. Inspector Cray (Nick Nolte, *Afterglow*) takes the case, and the town begins to suspect Martin. Cray suggests that Martin's thrill-seeking best friend James (Josh Brolin, *Flirting with Disaster*) is setting him up.

Eventually Martin's world begins to unravel, and his darkest fears become his reality. Even his girlfriend Marie (Patricia Arquette, *Flirting with Disaster*) questions his innocence.

The lighting direction and set design are worth noting. They really create a fantastically eerie and macabre reality. However, the biggest problem with this film is the inevitable comparison with *Scream*.

*Nightwatch* lacks the humor that made *Scream* a success and rejuvenated the tiresome genre of horror films. *Scream* raised the measuring bar, and *Nightwatch* falls short.

*Nightwatch* is now playing.

## Sliding Doors uses innovative ideas and original premise to succeed

from p. 11

But what if Helen caught the train?

*Sliding Doors* plays with fate, chance and love by presenting the storyline both ways. The movie shows these two different tales brilliantly.

The acting and writing are virtually flawless. One might expect to be confused as the movie switches between two alternate lives. However, confusion is never a problem.

Paltrow, who is absolutely stunning, tackles a British accent reasonably well. Her performance clearly demonstrates she is a leading actress who can portray a wide

array of characters.

John Hannah (*Four Weddings and a Funeral*) turns in a marvelous performance and delivers some of the movie's funniest lines. Hannah and Paltrow develop on-screen chemistry that will have audiences clamoring for the two to end up together.

Lynch, a proven serious actor, is detestable as the sleazy boyfriend, but audiences will find it hard not to laugh at his antics. Jeanne Tripplehorn (*Waterworld*), who has had an undistinguished film career, is funny and cruel as Gerry's mistress.

After seeing *Sliding Doors*, one might think that Peter Howitt is the writer and director of a number of

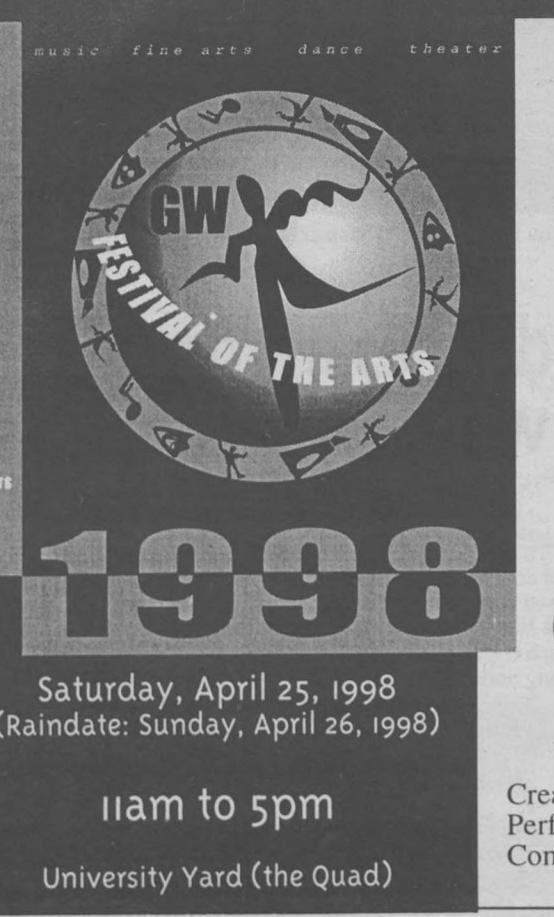
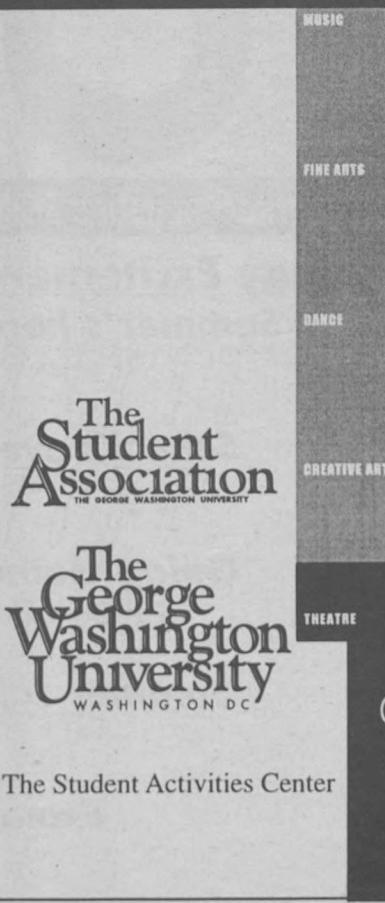
quality movies – think again. This film is Howitt's directorial and screenwriting debut, although he has acted in British and Irish movies.

Academy Award-winning director Sydney Pollack is also heavily involved with the picture. Instead of directing, Pollack produces *Sliding Doors*, which should be enough of an endorsement for anybody to see the film.

In attempting to answer the age-old question of "what if," the film throws romance and comedy into the mix. With an extremely original premise, *Sliding Doors* is one of the freshest movies in recent years.

*Sliding Doors* opens Friday.

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Food: Typical bar grub

Dancing: Nope

Pick-ups: Not if you can see straight

Pluses: A mile-long beer list

Minuses: Slow service on weekends

Nestled into its canopied spot on the corner of 22nd and P streets, The Brickseller lacks the upper-crust appeal of a Georgetown bar or the unique, international flavor of an Adams Morgan nightspot. The Brickseller is comfortable, kind of like an old pair of sneakers (which, incidentally, is the footwear of choice – this isn't a tight-black-pants-and-boots kind of place.) The bar's proximity to campus, laid-back atmosphere and unbeatable drink menu make it a magnet for college students.

Beer is the drink of choice at The Brickseller – and what a choice it is. Your best bet? Take a risk and choose at random from the eye-straining list of ales. Try a 32-oz. jug of Mississippi Mud, a Tennessee black-and-tan, or Starobrno, a lager from the Czech Republic. Order Bruce's Gooseberry Wheat from Scotland or Broadway Old Scratch Flyin' Dog from Colorado. Trinidad's Carib Shandy with Sorrel is bright red and tastes like that strawberry soda at Safeway. Billie's Pooch, a cider from England, looks and tastes like Sprite – proof that beer doesn't always have to taste like beer. For the daring (or bargoers who want to camouflage their beer), The Brickseller offers "beer-tails," mixed drinks made with beer. The Bar Belle's favorite is the "Skip and Go Naked," made with beer, lemon juice, grenadine and gin. Wine, shots and mixed drinks are available too, but the word here is beer. If you're not a beer fan, try another bar.

The Brickseller is a busy place on the weekend, and larger parties may have to wait to get their drinks. Have a backup beer in mind when you order – more often than not, they don't have the one you wanted. But the waiters and bartenders know beer, and they'll help you pick one that suits your taste. The staff is friendly, the atmosphere is relaxed and the music is a campy '80s mix – all in all, not a bad night.

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# Film demonstrates benefits of tolerating marijuana use

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make the use of marijuana unnecessary.

An American filmmaker catering to U.S. audiences, Jonathan Blank further questions U.S. marijuana policy. During a segment detailing the other commercial uses the Dutch have for hemp, such as for paper, rope and building material, the documentary cuts to a 1942 U.S. Department of Agriculture film — *Hemp for Victory*.

The Dutch also comment on American policy. Interviewees likened the effects of the international ban on marijuana to U.S.

prohibition, and one admitted ex-marijuana smoker even takes a slightly inaccurate shot at President Clinton.

Dr. Peter Drenth, president of the Royal Academy of Arts and Sciences jokes, "I cannot inhale."

*A free public screening and reception at the AMC Union Station 9 Theater will be held Thursday at 7 p.m. and at Tower Video at 2000 Pennsylvania Ave. Friday at 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. Posters will be given away and the film's director Jonathan Blank will make a guest appearance.*

## Dancing offers escape from limits of verbal communication

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troop gave her the outlet she needed to explore her heritage.

"The main purpose was to get together and learn about the history of the dance and explain the meaning," she says.

Wicker says she has learned about various cultures by participating in cultural dances such as Scottish clogging. "(Dance) is really a window into each culture," she said.

Long hours spent coordinating their movements fosters a sense of camaraderie, says Ece Sanal, who recently founded a Turkish folk dance group.

Sanal's co-ed group sweats through the rigorous, free-flowing movements of *ciftetelli*, a western Turkish dance usually presented by women. Donning *shalwar* pants and sheer veils, the dancers move through the shoulder-shaking, bouncing, stomping, clapping rhythmic movements of the dance.

And in enduring difficult practices and mastering intricate steps, friendships are forged, Sanal says.

"(The group) has such a dynamic," she says. "We have such a good time ... we are so happy when we are dancing."

Cinar, a graduate student from Izmir, a western city in Turkey, has spent only six months in the United States. He has finally found his niche — in the dance group.

But along with cultural and social benefits, dance helps define one's identity, Wenning says. A certified movement analyst, Wenning says she found her personal values through examining motion and dance.

Wicker and Jagannath say they found discipline and an understanding of respect through their determination to pursue dance. Respect — for the teachers who share the craft with their pupils, as well as for those who share passion for the art.

## Not sure what to do this summer?

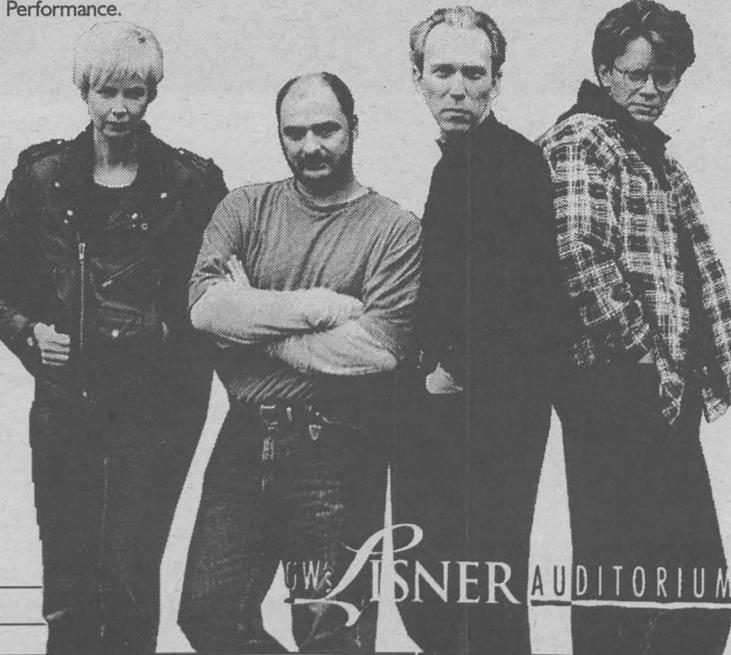
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# SA creates Mount Vernon College liaison

by Tammy Imhoff  
Hatchet Staff Writer

Students at Mount Vernon College will be represented by a liaison in GW's Student Association next year, a move intended to increase the representation of MVC students on the Foggy Bottom campus.

SA President-elect Carrie Potter said the creation of the executive branch position will ensure the perspective of students at the women's college is represented in next year's SA.

Mount Vernon College and GW entered a multi-million dollar affiliation in the fall of 1996. MVC will be fully integrated as a campus of the University by 1999.

Earlier this year, the Senate offered Mount Vernon a non-voting seat on next year's Senate, a position MVC student leaders said they will accept. Because Senate representation is determined by school not residency, some senators questioned the constitutionality of giving Mount Vernon College a separate seat. Senators who opposed giving MVC the seat said Mount Vernon students will be represented by the senators from their schools.

Potter said the creation of the executive branch liaison will allow Mount Vernon students to be represented but will not undermine the SA constitution.

Potter said the representative most likely will be a current Mount Vernon student, possibly chosen by the MVC Student Government Association. The executive order passed at Tuesday's Senate meeting does not delineate the responsibilities of the position, leaving them to the discretion of the SA president.

"The approach we are taking with it is more to get the right person for the job," Potter said. "Then we'll talk about what will be accomplished through the position."

In other business, the Senate defeated a bill calling for a referendum to change the percentage of votes required to win the SA presidency and executive vice presidency. The bill proposed the percentage of votes required for victory should increase from 40 percent to 50 percent.

Undergraduate Sen. Jesse Strauss (CSAS), who wrote the bill, said the legislation would ensure

the winners of the elections for the SA's top two positions had the support of the majority of the voters.

Senators who spoke in opposition to a higher threshold said it is rare for a presidential candidate to win a general election with more than 50 percent of the vote. They said upping the threshold would

increase the probability of runoff elections, raising the cost of elections and agitating student voters.

"Students don't like the regular elections, let alone run-offs," said undergraduate Sen. Patrick Macmanus (at large). "This year's (presidential) run-off cost almost \$3,000, and if the last time a presi-

dential candidate received 50 percent of the vote was 1991, I can't justify the expense."

Undergraduate Sen. David Burt (SBPM) said the current 40 percent is a strong enough mandate.

"If a candidate in a strong three-person race gets 40 percent of the vote, that is a strong finish, and I

don't see the reason to force it into a run-off and spend the extra money when student groups could really use that money," Burt said.

The Senate also passed a resolution urging the administration to find funding to maintain the Lexis-Nexis information system in Gelman Library.

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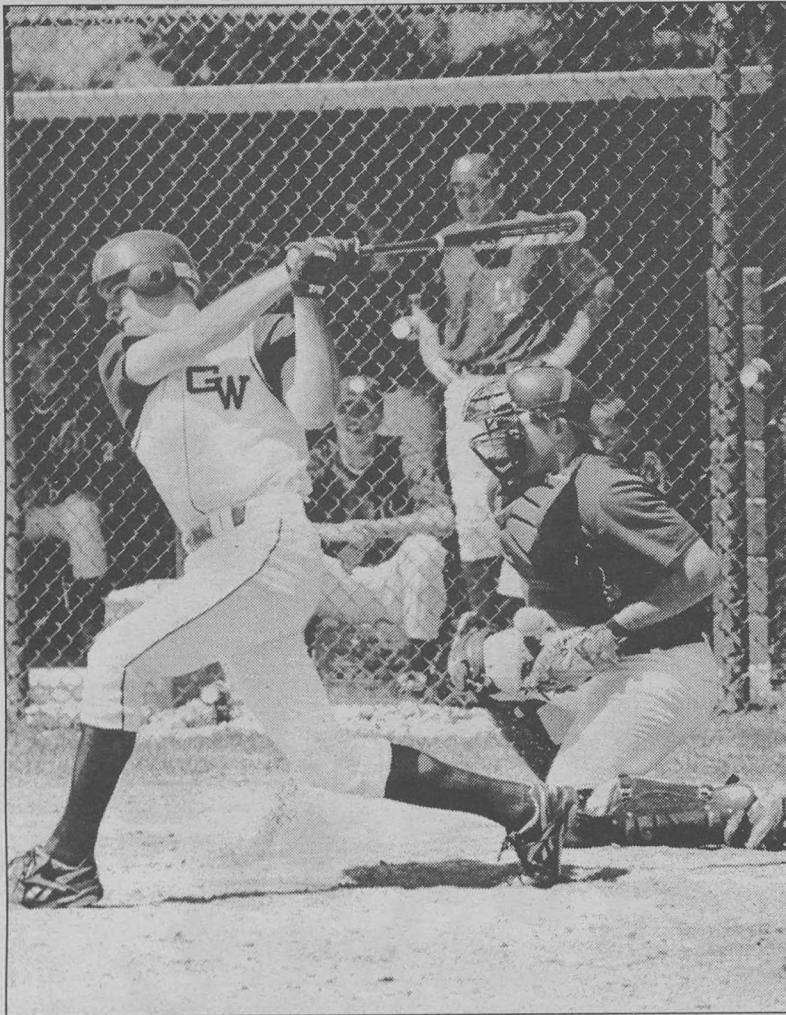
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# Sports

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**The GW baseball team has a key series with Xavier, a top team in the Atlantic 10, this weekend.**

## Baseball team wins two more games

### Colonials ready for series with Xavier

by Dave Mann

Sports Editor

After completing a three-game sweep of La Salle Monday, the GW baseball team split two non-conference games this week and is preparing for an important weekend series with Xavier.

GW (29-14) could ensure itself a spot in the Atlantic 10 Championship with two wins against Xavier at Barcroft Park. GW Coach Tom Walter said the Colonials are capable of beating the Musketeers, one of the top teams in the A-10.

"We've been playing pretty well and are anxious to get into the conference tournament," he said. "We beat them two out of three games at their place last year, so there is no reason we can't do as well at our place this year."

"You want to earn your way into the conference tournament. You don't want to depend on someone else winning to get you in."

Freshman catcher Eric Mitchell and freshman centerfielder Tony Brown have overcome some early season struggles and had several key hits last week.

Brown's average was below .200 early in the season, but he broke out against La Salle, driving in five runs in Saturday's 15-3 win.

"Their stats may not reflect it, but both those guys have been playing really well," Walter said. "(Brown)

has the ability and he's been making strides every day. He just needs to see more college pitching."

Contributions from freshmen have been a key to the GW's turnaround from last year's 21-33 season. In addition to Brown and Mitchell, Adam Belicic has swung the bat well and has consistently turned in solid performances on the mound. Belicic leads the team with six wins and has a 2.83 earned run average.

GW opens its three-game set against Xavier with a doubleheader Saturday at noon. Walter said GW's starters will be junior righthander Ari Zagaris, Belicic and junior lefthander Tom Baginski.

### GW 13, Coppin State 1

Freshman catcher Nate Nanzer drove in three runs as GW scored five first-inning runs and coasted to an easy victory at struggling Coppin State University Wednesday.

Nanzer, playing in place of starter Eric Mitchell, had two hits, including a double, and Adam Belicic had two doubles and scored three runs to help starter Clint Sells (2-1) get the win.

Sells pitched six innings, allowed four hits and surrendered Coppin State's only run on a solo home run by third baseman Chris Kovacs in the sixth inning.

Coppin State starter Sean Richardson pitched the entire game and gave up 14 hits in falling to 0-12.

(See BASEBALL, p. 18)

## Upcoming Games

B-baseball  
C-crew

G-golf  
(DH)-doubleheader

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Collingswood, N.J.

Thursday

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Friday

no game scheduled

Saturday

B vs. Xavier (DH)-12 p.m.  
C at A-10 Champ.\*-9 a.m.  
G at Penn State Tournament

Sunday

B vs. Xavier-12 p.m.  
G at Penn State Tournament

## Soccer coach leaves GW

### Higgins-Cirovski resigns to coach U-18 national team

by Dustin Gouker

Sports Editor

When the GW women's soccer team steps on the field for its first women's soccer game next season, it will be without its head coach of the past seven seasons.

Coach Shannon Higgins-Cirovski resigned her position at GW last week to become the head coach of the United States under-18 women's national team. Her assistant for the past three years, Michele Rodriguez-Smith, has been named the team's interim coach for the 1998 season.

"You're not usually asked to coach a national team twice," Higgins-Cirovski said. "It was pretty tough to turn down."

"It's definitely a loss for us, but coaching the national team is a great opportunity for her," said Kristin Robertson, a fifth-year senior who will return to the team this year after sitting out the 1997 season because of injury. "I'm very happy for her and so are the rest of the players, I think."

Rodriguez-Smith takes over a GW team that went 13-6-2 in 1997, fell to Massachusetts in the Atlantic 10 final and narrowly missed making the NCAA Tournament for the second-straight year.

"I'm very excited to get my first opportunity coaching a Division I program," Rodriguez-Smith said. "It should be an easy adjustment since I've been here for three years, so the players are as comfortable with the moves as I am."

While GW loses seven players from last season, including Chemar Smith, GW's all-time leading scorer, the team returns 16 players and has four recruits entering the program.

"She's been under Shannon and with the team for a while now, so I

  
**Shannon Higgins-Cirovski at GW**

-GW's winningest women's soccer coach, compiling a record of 69-59-11 during her seven seasons.

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-Coached GW to its first-ever NCAA Tournament in 1996.

-Led GW to 1995 A-10 West Division regular-season title.

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**Hatchet file photo**  
**After seven seasons coaching the GW women's soccer team, Shannon Higgins-Cirovski has moved on to coach the under-18 national team.**

think she'll do very well next year and it will be a good transition," Robertson said.

GW's interim coach has been an assistant for both the University of Maryland women's soccer program and the Anne Arundel Community College women's soccer team. Rodriguez-Smith also has served as the head coach for the Maryland State Olympic Development Program for both the under-17 and under-19 women's soccer teams since 1992.

For Higgins-Cirovski, who had been the head coach at GW since the 1991 season, the decision to leave was not cut and dry.

"It was definitely not an easy decision," Higgins-Cirovski said. "I graduated from UNC (the University of North Carolina), and after that, George Washington has been all I've known. I've lived and breathed GW. I've really taken a lot of pride in the job and I've developed good relationships with the student athletes here."

Higgins-Cirovski was a four-year starter for a UNC team that won four straight NCAA Championships and went 89-0-6 during her career. She was also a five-year member of the U.S. women's national team. After graduating from UNC she

came to GW as an assistant coach before she took the head coaching reins in 1991. The decision to leave GW was more than a professional decision, though, according to Higgins-Cirovski.

"It was a good decision for my family," said Higgins-Cirovski, who has two young daughters. "This job allows me to be on a different schedule than the one I was on while I coached here."

Her new job will allow her to work out of her home and be with her children more in the fall, when her husband, Sasho Cirovski, is busy coaching the men's soccer team at Maryland. As the under-18 coach, Higgins-Cirovski will work mostly in the summer, conduct four training camps, organize a domestic event and complete an international tour.

While GW is losing a quality coach, the national team is gaining one, according to Robertson and Rodriguez-Smith.

"If you're going to work with anybody in women's soccer, Shannon is one of the people you want to have an experience with," Rodriguez-Smith said. "It's not just her coaching ability and the Xs and Os, she's also great with the player-coach relationships. We're all very excited for her."

# The GW gymnastics team 'hits' back, and the tale of my big head

I got hate mail for the first time last week.

**gymnastics** The members of the GW gymnastics team were kind enough to let me know exactly what they thought of my last column about sports jargon.

If you read it (God bless those who did), you will recall that I used the gymnastics team's frequent use of the word "hit" to poke fun at sports jargon and clichés. I would like to respond to a few of its comments.

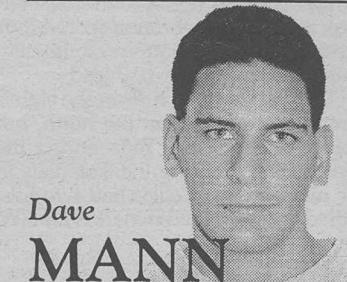
First, the column was not meant to offend the gymnastics team or their members' speech. My point was that athletes, coaches and fans use words and phrases that confuse people who don't follow sports. I tried to have a little fun with some popular sports clichés and used the gymnastics team to illustrate how this lingo can be confusing.

The piece was not meant to denigrate the accomplishments of the team in the gym or the classroom. The team should be proud of what it accomplished this year.

The Colonial women had a great season, as I said in the column. I also wrote that the team did not "hit" at the NCAA Regionals. My understanding was that to "hit," the team would have to finish extremely high at the regional meet, which it did not. Not to say it

did poorly, only that it didn't "hit."

Second, The Hatchet's coverage of the gymnastics team this year has been fair and accurate. The gymnastics team was our lead sports story three times despite playing its season at the same time



Dave  
**MANN**  
From Left Field

as the basketball teams.

The column was meant to be funny, not insulting. I think the confusion comes from the awful picture that accompanies my columns. Look at that solemn face. Of course the gymnasts thought I was being mean. Who would think that a guy with a mean look like that would write something funny?

Worse yet, when my column and photo are posted on The Hatchet's Web site ([www.gwhatchet.com/shamelessplug](http://www.gwhatchet.com/shamelessplug)), my head is huge — just enormous. No one remembers my columns, only that they were written by "that kid with

the massive melon."

I've got to get a new picture. In fact, I really don't like this running-pictures-with-columns thing. Yeah, you get your picture in the paper, but the people you upset know exactly what you look like. Why does this matter? Well, read the last line of the letter I got from the gymnastics team:

"If, by the end of our response Mr. Mann, you are still confused as to the meaning of the word 'hit,' we assure you that any one of the Lady Colonial Gymnasts will be proud and willing to demonstrate it for you."

So, I'm watching my back these days. I've been having these horrible dreams, in which I'm beaten senseless with parallel bars and floor mats.

Seriously, I apologize to the gymnasts if they were insulted by my thoughtless drivel. (Hey, at least I know someone read it.) It was not meant to make fun of the gymnasts, only the language I myself am guilty of using. The gymnastics team just provided a good example.

Can't we all just get along? After all, it's a great time of year. Spring is in full bloom and the NHL playoffs have begun. I can't wait to watch my Flyers play some intense playoff hockey. Now there's a team that "hits."

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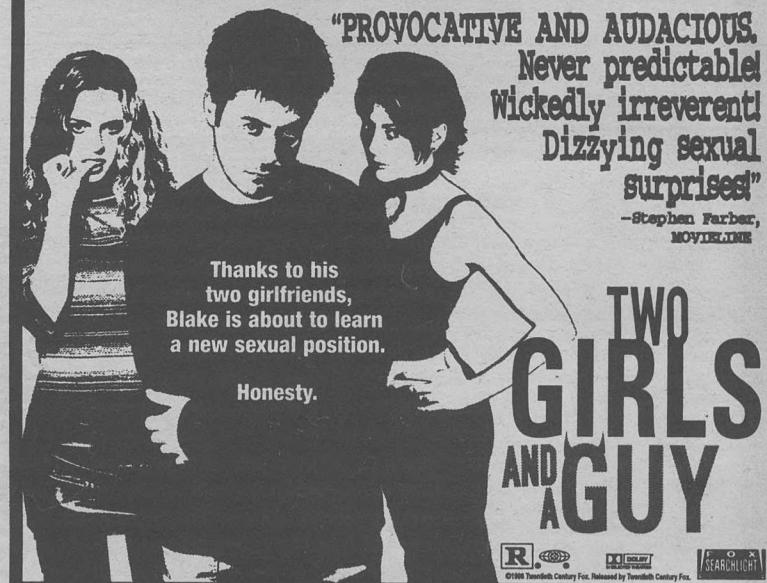


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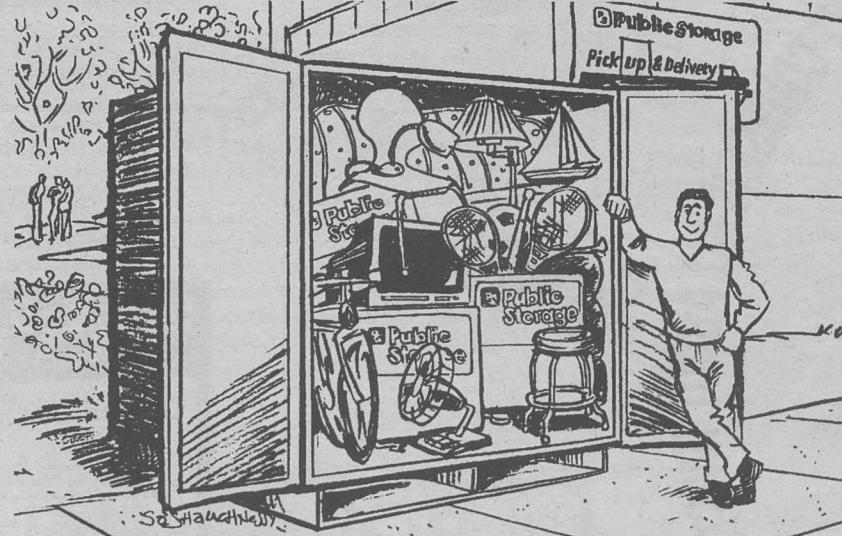
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## GW golfers place ninth, 12th

by Dustin Gouker  
Sports Editor

The GW golf team finished a whirlwind tour of the Northeast Monday with a ninth-place finish at the Temple Invitational and a 12th-place finish at the Xavier Invitational.

After playing 54 holes at the Atlantic 10 Conference Championship in Canonsburg, Pa. April 12-14, the Colonial golfers traveled to Oxford, Pa. for a two-day event April 17-18 and to Loveland, Ohio for a one-day tournament April 20. By the time Monday rolled around, GW had played 126 holes of competitive golf in eight days.

While the Colonials still strug-

gled relative to the fields of the two tournaments, they did post better scores as the weekend progressed.

"We played better much better this weekend than we did at A-10s," GW head coach Scott Allen said. "It wasn't really anything to write home about, but I was really proud of the guys who hung in there through the long week."

GW wrapped up the weekend by finishing 12th (623) at the 36-hole event held at O'Bannon Golf Club, well behind the tournament winner, Seton Hall University (602). The Colonials shot 325 and 326 in the two-day event, and only one of their golfers – freshman Michael Goldman – broke 80 on either day. Goldman came in 24th place overall, GW's best finisher.

past week, a 307, behind four sub-80 performances. Parsons, who finished in a tie for 26th place overall, led the team once again by firing a 74.

"We're kind of inexperienced and in the late rounds we've been sort of fading away," Parsons said. "But it seems like we're learning and getting stronger the more we play."

GW finished ninth of 13 teams with a score of 651 at the Temple Invitational held at Wyncote Country Club, well behind the tournament winner, Seton Hall University (602). The Colonials shot 325 and 326 in the two-day event, and only one of their golfers – freshman Michael Goldman – broke 80 on either day. Goldman came in 24th place overall, GW's best finisher.

## Baseball wins two

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on the season. Coppin State is 1-38 this year.

### Richmond 11, GW 7

GW starter Ron Christie gave up six runs and the Colonials' comeback fell short in an 11-7 loss at the University of Richmond Tuesday.

Christie lasted four and two-thirds innings and allowed eight hits and six earned runs as the Spiders (30-14-1) took a 6-3 lead. Richmond scored four more runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to take a 10-3 lead.

GW plated three runs in the eighth inning and another in the ninth, but Spider pitcher Greg Yaffa ended the comeback by retiring the Colonials in the ninth inning. Belicic had two hits, scored a run and had two RBIs for GW,

while Brown had three hits and an RBI.

### GW 8, La Salle 3

Tom Baginski pitched a complete game as the Colonials erupted for six runs in the ninth inning and completed a three-game sweep of the Explorers in Philadelphia, Pa. Monday.

The third game of the series was originally scheduled to be played Sunday, but was postponed a day because of rain.

La Salle (9-23) led 3-2 after eight innings, but GW scored six runs in the ninth inning off three La Salle pitchers. Senior Cassedy Smith hit a two-run home run for GW, and Ryan Dacey had two hits, including a home run.

Baginski (5-3) allowed only two earned runs in his nine innings. He gave up eight hits and struck out 10 batters.

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LP: Sean Richardson (0-12)  
2B: Adam Belicic (GW), Nate Nanzer (GW), Cassedy Smith (GW), Raoul Edwards (CS)  
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LP: Dami Derico (2-4)  
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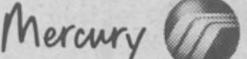
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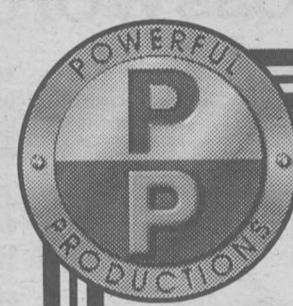


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